MISLEADING CONTENT: One of Pakistan's Missiles Strikes Back at India

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FACT: The explosion in the shared video was the explosion of a warehouse containing 2,750 tons of Ammonium Nitrate in Beirut, Lebanon in 2020.

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On Wednesday (7/5/2025) a post circulated on X (backup archive) which shared a video with the narrative:

> "✍️ *BREAKING NEWS: Pakistan and India are engaged in open war and attacking each other brutally. (note: One of Pakistan's missiles strikes back at India).*
>
> *The world is moving towards open conflict and worrying geopolitical turmoil. Horrifying!*
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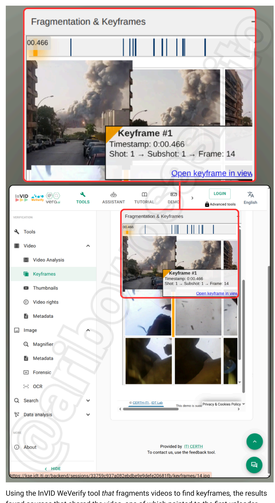

Using the InVID WeVerify tool that fragments videos to find keyframes, the results found sources that shared the video, one of which pointed to the first uploader, namely the account Youssef Kawtharani (@youssefkw) on Instagram who shared the video in 2020. [1] [2]

In addition, the same video was previously twisted last year (2024) in the article "[FALSE] "Hidden Explosion in Israel"" which linked it to the conflict situation in Israel. [3]

In relation to the ongoing tension/conflict between Pakistan and India as of the time of writing this article, a search using Google Videos and Google News with the keyword "pakistan india tension" yields videos and news from authoritative sources reporting and providing updates on the situation. [4] [5]

CONCLUSION

The upload falls into the Misleading Content category , FACT: the explosion in the video shared was the explosion of a warehouse containing 2,750 tons of Ammonium Nitrate in Beirut, Lebanon in 2020, NOT due to a missile and NOT related to the current conflict between Pakistan and Israel. [6]

REFERENCE

[1] archive.today, a backup archive of Google Lens search results based on WeVerify's InVID fragmentation keyframes.

[2] Instagram: "Thanks God 🙏 من قلبي سلام لبيروت الرحمة للشهداء و الشفاء للجرحى I was safe this time. #prayforlebanon🇱🇧" / archive.today (backup archive).

[3] turnbackhoax.id: [FALSE] "Hidden explosion in Israel" / archive.today (backup archive).

[4] Google Videos, keywords: "pakistan india tension" / Ghost Archive (backup archive).

[5] Google News, keywords: "pakistan india tension" / Ghost Archive (backup archive).

[6] First Draft News: "Understanding information disorder" (Google Translate) / archive.today (backup archive) & "Understanding Information disorder" (original language, English) / Wayback Machine (backup archive).

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